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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1754
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takuo HIBI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/249,100



Confirmation No.: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1754

Filed: February 12, 1999

Examiner: N. Nguyen

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CHLORINE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2001. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and a check for the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith. A Notice of Appeal is also being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 80 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims are amended as follows:

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76. (Twice Amended) A supported ruthenium oxide catalyst obtained by supporting on a titanium oxide carrier containing not less than 80 % by weight of rutile titanium oxide, wherein